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## Go Yotes TV Now on Channel 40

GoYotes TV is a new cable television network that will provide live events that are not broadcast elsewhere. These events may include men's and women's basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball, track and field, and swimming and diving. Look for classic USD games, coaches' shows, podcasts and documentaries, and other USD athletics content coming in the near future.



## Grand Giveaway Winner

*Congratulations to Kenny Carroll, who won a \$100 Netflix gift card, a \$50 Hulu gift card and a \$100 credit on his account in our Grand Giveaway! Kenny wasn't available for a picture.*

Wondering how to register? No problem, because there's no purchase or registration, just winners! Each month we randomly select one of our "grand" residential customers to win. Our next winner could be you!

# Official Notice of Director Elections

Three directors will be elected at the 2023 annual meeting, which is scheduled for June 1st, 2023, at Groton Area High School. Roger Zastrow (District 1), Bill Ewalt (District 4), and Garrett Rahm (District 7) are up for re-election for 3-year terms.



*Roger Zastrow  
District 1  
Houghton, Columbia,  
Frederick*



*Bill Ewalt  
District 4  
Rural Groton,  
Andover*



*Garrett Rahm  
District 7  
Doland, Turton*

Anyone interested in running for an open director position, in the district which they reside, should file a nominating petition signed by at least fifteen members also residing in that interested member's district.

The petition can be picked up at JVT's business office and must be filed at JVT's business office between the hours of 8am-5pm no sooner than April 2 and no later than April 17.

At the annual meeting, members from each district in which a director is being elected will receive a ballot listing the names of all the candidates who have submitted valid petitions for that district. The candidate receiving the majority of votes cast for each district will be elected.

**Bylaw Section 4.3.** Qualifications to be Nominated, to Become, or Remain a Director. Any member shall be eligible to be nominated, elected and remain a director of the Cooperative who resides in the district from which the director is nominated and is not an employee of the Cooperative or in any way financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling communication services or communication supplies or maintaining communications facilities. However, the Board may grant exceptions for "de minimis" competing enterprise. The director is expected to attend two-thirds or more of the regular meetings during each

twelve-month period beginning with the month of the director's election.

Nothing in this Section shall affect, in any manner whatsoever, the validity of any action taken at any meetings of the Board.

**Bylaw Section 4.4.** Candidate Petitions. Any member who meets the qualifications of Section 4.3 and wishes to appear on the ballot for election as a director for the member's district, shall, not less than 45 nor more than 60 days preceding the day designated for the annual meeting, file during business hours at the business office of the Cooperative, a nominating petition signed by at least fifteen members residing in such member's district. The petition shall be in a form approved by the board of directors. The signature of only one member of a joint membership may be counted among the valid signatures on a petition, and any other signatures on the same petition by other members of the same joint membership shall be stricken.

**Bylaw Section 4.5.** Election of Directors. Elections of directors shall be by a separate printed ballot for the exclusive use of the members of each district in which a director is being elected. Each district's ballot shall list the name(s) of the candidate(s) who have submitted valid petitions, the order of which shall be determined by drawing of lots.

At the membership meeting considering the election of directors, the Secretary of the Cooperative shall place in nomination the names of all those who have submitted valid petitions.

The candidate from each district from which a director is being elected receiving the majority of votes cast for that office at such meeting shall be declared elected as a director. At least seven members from that district must cast votes at the membership meeting for the election of the director to be valid.

Failure of an election for a given year shall allow the incumbent director whose directorship would have been voted on to hold over only until the next member meeting at which a quorum is present.

Director petitions must be filed at JVT's office between April 2 and April 17, 2023.



# State High School Events Coverage

## March 9-11 State Girls Basketball

Class B Girls (Huron) - Special Events ch 151

Class A Girls (Watertown) - Special Events ch 152

Class AA Girls (Sioux Falls) - Special Events ch 153

## March 16-18 State Boys Basketball

Class B Boys (Aberdeen) - Special Events ch 151

Class A Boys (Sioux Falls) - Special Events ch 152

Class AA Boys (Rapid City) - Special Events ch 153

## March 25 All-State Band Concert

All-State Band Concert (Sioux Falls) - Special Events ch 151

*Check our Facebook page for updates.*

## Super Bowl Winner

Robin Sihrer was the winner of our Super Bowl giveaway and won a \$150 Kessler's gift card.

Congratulations Robin! Find us on Facebook to keep up to date on upcoming promotions.



## Relay South Dakota

Relay SD is a service that provides telephone access for people with speech or hearing loss who find it challenging to use a traditional telephone. Relay SD makes it possible for deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-disabled people to communicate over the phone.

Relay SD offers amplified and captioned phones

for those who have trouble hearing details of phone conversations.

They also offer other solutions such as Text Telephone (TTY), Voice Carry-Over (VCO), and Hearing Carry-Over (HCO). Spanish Relay and Internet-Based Relay services are also available.

Call 1-877-866-8950 or go to [relaysd.com](http://relaysd.com) for more on all the options they provide and to apply for services.

## New Members

Jensen Nick & Connie

Bristol

492-3493

Sheldon Tim & Dorene

Frederick

329-2647

## Aberdeen Area Humane Society Sponsored Pet

As of printing, Nevani, our February Aberdeen Area Humane Society sponsored pet is still available for adoption. Nevani is a 4-5-year-old DSH that enjoys sleeping on soft beds and sunbathing in windows. We're happy to report because our January pet was adopted, we donated \$250 to the AAHS!

You can find out more about Nevani and other available pets at [anewleashonlife.net](http://anewleashonlife.net) or call the AAHS at 605-226-1200 to schedule a time to visit. Watch our Facebook page for our monthly sponsored pet.



*Looking for some easy money? Just refer a friend to JVT and you and your friend will each get a \$100 credit on your next bill! Just have them give us your name as the referrer.*

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